

1. In a communications device having a speed-dial function, a method of  
2 improving hands-free operation, including the step of:

annunciating, by the device, information identifying the subject of the speed-dial  
4 function.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the information identifying the subject of  
2 the speed-dial function includes annunciating the name of a person being dialed.

3. In a communications device having a speed-dial function, a method of  
2 improving hands-free operation, including the step of:

storing a plurality of telephone numbers in the device in advance of dialing the  
4 numbers; and

entering an abbreviated command to sequence through the dialing of each stored  
6 number.

4. The method of claim 3, including the step of automatically deleting a  
2 number after a call to that number has been completed.

5. The method of claim 3, including the step of skipping a number which was  
2 unanswered for later recall.

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6. The method of claim 3, wherein the abbreviated command is manually  
2 entered.

7. The method of claim 3, wherein the abbreviated command is spoken by a  
2 user.